

BRITISH IN COMBLES  
AFTER 18 HOUR FIGHT

Allies Take Pivot Point of Teuton Lines in Furious Battle.

## FRENCH ALSO GAIN

Greatest Feat of Somme Offensive—Germans Lose Many Positions.

By United Press.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Combles, pivot point of the whole German battle line from Bapaume to Peronne, has been captured by the British after eighteen hours of most furious battling north of the Somme.

General Haig this afternoon announced that British troops entered Combles, overcoming German resistance. The enemy's losses, the official report said, were severe.

The British victory achieved after three weeks of desperate driving against the German center is the most striking single achievement of the whole Somme offensive.

It removes one of the last two obstacles to an Anglo-French thrust to sweep the Germans out of Peronne, one of the two objectives of the great Allied offensive.

The capture of Combles followed a day and a night of most brilliant Allied successes, including the capture of the villages of Morval and Boeufs by the British and Rancourt and Fregicourt by the French.

In summing up the day's successful operations, General Haig reported 1,500 Germans were captured by the British and that more prisoners were being brought in.

Combles fell after thrusts by British and French in yesterday's fighting that threw a noose about the German garrison and made its escape almost impossible. For weeks the Germans have used the town with its wonderful system of fortifications as a pivot point from which to swing attacks north and south of the Allied lines.

The British not only gained this important victory but pressed forward in their drive toward Bapaume last night and early today. A strong re-echo near Guerdoucourt fell before a British attack.

The French also swept forward again last night, carrying Fregicourt and later repulsing German attacks against positions won yesterday.

While the British were entering Combles French troops captured Fregicourt, a little more than a mile north to northeast of Combles, closing still further the Anglo-French noose about the German garrison in that town.

The capture of the village was accomplished with scarcely any lull in the great battle that began yesterday when the Anglo-French forces advanced simultaneously on a 12-mile front.

French detachments had reached the outskirts of Fregicourt while other forces were occupying Rancourt and driving the Germans from positions further south.

## MRS. IDA FAUCETT DEAD

Wife of Retired Boone County Farmer Succumbs to Operation.

Mrs. Ida Faucett, wife of Curtis Faucett, a retired Boone County farmer, died last night at her home in Centralia, following an operation. Mrs. Faucett was 45 years old, and was the daughter of the late Dunlap Gay, a well known farmer who resided 10 miles east of Hallsville.

The funeral will be at Hickory Grove Church, 10 miles south of Centralia at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. Rev. A. W. Pasley will officiate. Mrs. Faucett is survived by her husband and two sisters, Mrs. H. T. Cox and Mrs. Bud Wade, both of Centralia.

## Miss Sarah Nowell To Wed.

The engagement of Miss Sarah Nowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nowell of Paris Road, to Ned Gibbs was announced Saturday afternoon at a party at Miss Nowell's home for twelve of her girl friends. The wedding will take place October 18 at the Nowell home. The Rev. Charles C. Grimes of the Broadway Methodist Church will perform the ceremony. October 18 is also the thirty-fourth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nowell and will be celebrated in connection with the wedding.

## THE CALENDAR

Sept. 26.—Republican meeting at Court-house.  
Sept. 29.—Quarterly meeting of Board of Censors at Rolla.  
Sept. 30.—Reception by President and deans to new men students at Y. M. C. A. Building, 8 p. m. Football, Freshmen vs Varsity.  
Oct. 2.—Missouri Day.  
Oct. 3.—Qualifying examinations for Rhodes scholarships.  
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Oct. 5.—Football, Freshmen vs Varsity.  
Oct. 7.—Football, Central College vs. Missouri at Columbia.  
Oct. 11-13.—Annual meeting of Missouri Library Association.  
Oct. 14.—Football, Washington University at Columbia.  
Oct. 21.—Football, Ames at Columbia.  
Oct. 27.—University Assembly, Lecture Musical, "Music Is A Human Need," by Mme. Alma Webster Powell.  
Oct. 28.—Football, Oklahoma University at Norman.

## TO INVITE BUYERS

Columbia Merchants Join Missouriian Fare-Fund Trade Festival.

"Come to Columbia to Trade" is the invitation that the merchants of Columbia are extending to the people of Boone County in the co-operative Fare-Refund Trade Festival that is being planned for the week of October 9 to 14 inclusive.

There are approximately 5,000 families in Boone County outside of Columbia. This includes the cities of Centralia, Sturgeon, Rocheport, Ashland, McBain, Clark, Hallsville, Hinton, Huntsdale, Harrisburg, Hartsburg, and about two dozen other postoffices and villages. In the plan, which the merchants will follow an invitation will be extended to every family in the foregoing towns and also on the rural routes to visit Columbia during the second week of October.

To show the people of Boone County a proper welcome, the merchants are co-operating to repay railroad fares of every family that visits Columbia during the week indicated. In case persons come by wagons or automobiles, their mileage will be repaid the same as though they came by train. The mileage will be repaid through a system of schedules for every town in the county. The schedule of towns with the mileage will be printed and presented to every visitor during the week.

The system adopted provides for purchases at different stores. The refunds will be made in proportion to a moderate system of purchases at various stores in Columbia.

Several merchants have already signified their intention of co-operating in the Fare-Refund Festival. Among them are the following:

Fredendall Department Store.  
Victor Barth Clothing Co.  
C. B. Miller Shoe Co.  
Will E. Smith Dry Goods Co.  
Branham, Hinkle Co. Ladies-to-Wear.  
Sykes and Broadhead Clothing Co.  
E. H. Guitler Shoe Co.  
Renie Hardware Co.  
Parker Furniture Co.

The merchants have selected the second week in October for the Trade Festival because the stores all have their fall and winter stocks on display. Many of the merchants are planning to decorate their stores for the occasion.

The plan used by the merchants of Columbia is similar to plans used in Springfield, Sedalia, Nevada, Chillicothe, and other cities of the State. John W. Jewell of Springfield who is visiting in Columbia, said yesterday that when the Trade Festival Week was held in Springfield last spring, that thousands of people from the Springfield trade territory visited the city during the week, some even coming to the city from towns more than a hundred miles away.

In connection with the Trade Festival, the Missouriian will publish a special Boone County edition that will be placed in the homes of every family in the county. In this edition the merchants of Columbia will make their special offerings and bids for the trade of the people of Boone County. The edition will be distributed through the mails on the rural routes and by special messengers in the larger towns of the county.

This is the first time that the merchants of Columbia have ever attempted a co-operative Trade Festival on so extensive a scale.

## Centralia Banker to Wed in October.

Joe E. Denham, cashier of the First National Bank of Centralia, will be married October 11 to Miss Bessie Settle of Centralia. Mr. Denham has accepted the position of cashier of the State Bank of Thompson, Wyo.

NO MISSOURI RHODES  
SCHOLARS THIS YEAR

American Trustees Change Plans Excluding Students of State Until 1918.

## HONOR WORTH \$4,000

Annual Qualifying Examination to Be Held in Columbia Oct. 3 and 4.

Owing to a change made by the Rhodes Scholarship trustees in their method of selecting scholars throughout the United States, there will be no Rhodes Scholar from Missouri for the year 1917, scholars, however, will be elected from Missouri in the years 1918 and 1919. The change also provides, in order that all candidates may be able to take the qualifying examination at the time that best suits their preparation or purposes, that this examination will be held each year in the month of October in all the States of the Union. Candidates may take the examination in any year and, if they pass, offer themselves for election in any subsequent year without further examination, provided that other conditions of eligibility have been satisfied.

In Missouri the qualifying examinations for the Rhodes Scholarship will be held at the University of Missouri, Columbia, on October 3 and 4, 1916. Those who are planning to take the examinations at that time, or who wish to secure information concerning these scholarships, should communicate at once with President A. Ross Hill, chairman of the committee on selection for Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.

Rhodes Scholarships are of the value of three hundred pounds a year, or approximately \$1,350, and are tenable for three years.

Scholars will be selected from candidates who shall have passed the qualifying examination. Examinations will be given in Latin, Greek and Mathematics; only those candidates who may have passed in at least Latin and Mathematics will be eligible for a scholarship.

A candidate to be eligible must: Be a citizen of the United States with at least five years domicile, and unmarried. By the first of October of the year for which he is elected have passed his nineteenth and not have passed his twenty-fifth birthday.

By the first of October of the year for which he is elected have completed at least his sophomore year at some recognized degree-granting University or College of the United States of America.

## BREAK GROUND FOR NEW SCHOOL

Educational Building to Be Ready in Spring, With University Teachers.

Ground will be broken for the new North Ward school building sometime this week according to Superintendent J. E. McPherson. The contract was awarded to Ira L. Davis, and work will be carried on to complete the building about May 1.

"Bids on the school building for negro children will be asked for about October 9," said Mr. McPherson this morning. "This building also should be ready in the spring, and will contain fourteen rooms. Four rooms are now being added to the Lee school. Two will be class rooms, one will be a manual training room and the other a domestic science room. They should be ready for use about January 1."

Miss Johanna Niemoeller, a University student, will have charge of the girl's basketball team. Miss Ruth C. Hayden, also a University student, who has had special training in physical work, will have charge of the girl's gymnasium. Miss Ida E. Graham will conduct the experiments for the class in agriculture.

## BOARD OF APPEALS MEETS

Only One Protest Brought Before It—And That Settled Satisfactorily.

The Boone County Board of Appeals, composed of the county court, the county assessor, the county surveyor, the city assessor and Mayor J. M. Batterson, met yesterday at the courthouse. The board meets the fourth Monday in September to hear complaints by merchants against any higher valuation placed by the Board of Equalization, which meets the first Monday in September, on stocks of merchandise in the stores in the county.

A higher valuation was placed by the board on the merchandise of twelve or fifteen county merchants but only one appeared before the board to protest. He was convinced, after a short argument, that the increased valuation was just.

COMPLAINT IS FILED  
AGAINST MRS. MURRY

Business Men Charge Mercantile Operation Under Wrong License.

## SHE TAKES ORDERS

Columbia Woman Who Is Sales Agent Says She Has Paid Proper Fee.

Definite steps to eliminate the sale of merchandise in Columbia by any but established merchants were taken today by the Retail Merchants' Association when a formal complaint was filed with City Attorney George S. Starrett charging Mrs. John F. Murry, 306 South Ninth street, with violation of the city ordinance governing the operations of mercantile agents.

It is complained that Mrs. Murry is taking orders for Stix-Baer-Fuller (The Grand Leader) of St. Louis without having taken out the proper license. The ordinance covering the taking of orders for an out-of-town establishment imposes a license fee of \$25 a day, with no license issued for less than six days. Mrs. Murry is reported to be operating under a regular merchant's license. She is said to have been representing the St. Louis concern for the past two weeks.

"We have warned Mrs. Murry several times during the past two weeks through the city authorities that she is operating under the wrong license," said Secretary V. B. Jones of the Retail Merchants' Association this morning. "Our understanding is that Mrs. Murry is taking orders, and the city ordinances definitely classify the person taking orders as a mercantile agent."

Monopoly Not Desired by Merchants. "It is not the purpose of the Retail Merchants' Association to create a monopoly in Columbia. Nor do we wish to keep anybody from coming here and engaging in business, but we do not want an out-of-town concern to come in and reap the benefits for a few days through an agent and then leave."

"We would welcome Stix-Baer-Fuller to come here and establish a business, but it is not fair for the local merchants with goods worth \$25,000 or more on their shelves to be competed against in their limited field by million-dollar concerns of the big cities without these concerns paying a license."

"If these large concerns wish to operate through an agent here, it seems to me that they should pay the license. But the agent here is the only one we can hold responsible under the present circumstances."

The city statute governing the operations of mercantile agents was adopted by the City Council in 1915. It is known as City Ordinance 299. The ordinance reads as follows:

"Any persons who shall maintain any place, stand, or booth where orders for future delivery of goods, wares or merchandise are solicited or taken, or who shall travel about from place to place soliciting or taking orders for the sale of goods, wares or merchandise for future delivery, shall be deemed a mercantile agent or canvasser; provided that traveling salesman taking orders from retail merchants only shall not be deemed to be included in this definition, and provided that no such license shall be issued for a period of less than six days."

Believe Merchants Need Protection.

"If Mrs. Murry is taking orders for an out-of-town firm without a mercantile license she is not within the limits of the ordinance covering this kind of salesmanship," said City Attorney George Starrett this afternoon. "It will be necessary to prove this, however. I do not think that St. Louis merchants should be allowed to send their goods into Columbia and take away the profits of the local merchants."

"The ordinance covering the matter of mercantile agents was passed by the city council for the express purpose of stopping the selling of goods in Columbia by out-of-town firms," said Mayor J. M. Batterson. "The license fee of \$25 a day, with a minimum time limit of six days for a license is intended to be prohibitive. It is necessary that our merchants be protected if the city is to get the benefit of its own business."

Mrs. Murry holds that she became

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Unsettled and somewhat windy tonight and Wednesday, probably showers; cooler Wednesday.

For Missouri: Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday probably showers; cooler Wednesday and west and extreme north portions tonight. Moderate to fresh winds.

## Weather Conditions.

The weather is somewhat stormy in southern Canada, and southwest across the Plains to the southern Rocky Mountain slope, with tendency to a secondary development in western Kansas.

Showers have continued in Canada, and in the border states from Seattle to Williston; showers also occurred at a few places in Michigan, one in Iowa, and over a considerable area in southern Texas. The weather in the Plains and Mississippi Valley is more unsettled and windy than the twenty-four hours previous, but no rain has fallen in those regions.

Temperatures are pleasant everywhere, but they will range higher today than yesterday in all sections between the Appalachian range and Rocky Mountains owing to a strong draft of southerly winds. During the next thirty-six hours the weather in Missouri will be unsettled and windy, changing to cooler during the latter part of the period. Showers are probable.

## Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 87 and the lowest last night was 67; precipitation, .00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 28 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 80 and the lowest 65; precipitation, .01.

## The Almanac.

Sun rose today, 6:00 a. m. Sun sets, 6:00 p. m.

Moon rises 5:20 a. m.

## The Temperatures Today.

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| 7 a. m. ....68  | 11 a. m. ....80 |
| 8 a. m. ....71  | 12 m. ....83    |
| 9 a. m. ....74  | 1 p. m. ....85  |
| 10 a. m. ....78 | 2 p. m. ....84  |

## ZEPPELS KILL 29 MORE

Seven German Air Raiders Again Terrorize England—Small Damage.

By United Press.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Twenty-nine persons were killed in last night's Zeppelin raid on England, the second within forty-eight hours. A small number of houses were wrecked or damaged but the raiders were successfully driven away from industrial centers. No damage was done to factories or military establishments.

Seven Zeppelins took part in the raid. The southeastern and north-eastern counties and North Midlands were attacked, and possibly industrial centers in the latter region.

## JOURNALISM ENROLLMENT 185

Increase of 11 Per Cent in the Number of Students This Semester.

The enrollment in the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri shows an increase of 11 per cent over the enrollment at the same date last year. It is the largest enrollment in the school's history.

The total number of students taking work in Journalism is 185. The number primarily in Journalism, regular and special students, is 96, as compared to 86 at this time last year.

Twenty-two states and three foreign countries are represented in the school's enrollment—Missouri, Ohio, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Iowa, New Jersey, Minnesota, New Mexico, Indiana, New York, Oregon, Colorado, Nebraska, Maryland, Wyoming and Pennsylvania; and Japan, Brazil, and the Philippine Islands.

## MARRIED 45 YEARS AGO TODAY

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stephens Wedded in Home They Now Occupy.

Today is the forty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stephens of Columbia. They were married in their present home in 1871. Mrs. Stephens is the daughter of the late James H. Moss.

"We were married in our present library on Tuesday, a day strikingly similar to this," Mr. Stephens said. "We are enjoying the best of health. I do not feel old, although there are not over fifty people in Columbia who were here at the time of our marriage."

## DIES OF CHOLERA INFANTUM

Olay Brooks, 2-year-old Girl Succumbs at Her Home.

Olay Brooks, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Church Brooks, died at 6 o'clock yesterday morning at home, six miles south of Columbia, as a result of cholera infantum. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. G. W. Hatcher at 11 o'clock today at the Bonne Femme Church, where the burial will take place. Two sisters, Mildred and Marie, and the parents survive.

MERCHANTS ASK FOR  
MERCANTILE COURSES

Retailers Pass Resolution Favoring New Extension Work at M. U.

## TO STUDY BUSINESS

98 Delegates Speak For Colleges in Desire for Research.

"Whereas, the movement for education among retailers by state universities is rapidly spreading through the addition of extension divisions whose duties are to teach retailers the science of merchandising;

"And, whereas, the merchants of this state pay by a large margin the greatest proportion of the upkeep of our state university;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that we favor the establishment of an extension division in the Missouri University along with the appropriation of a sufficient fund in order that our merchants may enjoy the benefits accruing to them as the result of research into mercantile problems that will naturally follow its institution."

This resolution relating to the University appears in the Messenger of the Missouri Retail Merchants' Association. The September number contains all the resolutions passed at the sixteenth annual convention of that organization held at Hannibal in August. The convention was composed of ninety-eight accredited delegates.

## Retailers Name Committees.

The Columbia Retail Merchants' Association met last night in special session at the Commercial Club, to discuss general ideas for the betterment of the association and to announce the new committees appointed by President Barth.

The following appointments were made: Directors, W. B. Nowell, Jr., C. B. Miller, R. E. Lucas, Will E. Smith, S. F. Conley, John F. Chaffin, H. R. Jackson; committee on law enforcement, A. F. Neate, H. H. Broadhead, S. H. Levy, L. W. Berry, W. C. Knight, D. A. Robnett, C. O. Ehinger, Warren Branham, F. A. Henninger, J. P. Feizler and James Butler; committee on membership, L. E. Renie, Robert Rogers, Dr. J. A. Taylor, T. M. Maughes, W. B. Dally, Harry Jacks and O. W. Boutwell; committee on finance, D. H. Robnett, T. W. Whittle and J. P. Davis; entertainment committee; Ed Levy, Robert Richards and J. M. Taylor; committee on credits; Thomas McHarg, W. B. Nowell, Jr. and J. C. Holloway; civic improvement committee; Miss Augusta Koeppen, F. A. Dalton, D. A. Robnett, Berry McAllister and J. E. Gillespie.

## STUDENTS MEET JUDGE LAMM

University and City Republicans Greet Candidate Who Speaks Tonight.

Judge Henry Lamm, Republican candidate for governor, arrived in Columbia at 5 o'clock this afternoon from Centralia. The trip was made in a motor car. He was accompanied by George Hackman, Republican candidate for state auditor, and John C. McKinley, former lieutenant governor. Judge Lamm was met by a reception committee of the student and local Republican organizations. He will be the guest of N. T. Gentry.

The Republican meeting, at which Judge Lamm is to talk, will be at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the courthouse. The Hughes-Lamm Republican Club of the University will meet at 7 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. and march in a body to the meeting. Talks will also be made by John C. McKinley and George Hackman at the meeting. A. E. Remley will preside.

The student club met last night in the Y. M. C. A. to make preparations for tonight's demonstration. A committee of seven was appointed to canvass the Republican vote of the student body. The committee members are: L. B. Hyde, journalism; C. W. Laughlin, engineering; D. P. Jones, law; E. L. Morris and E. W. Davis, arts and science; C. W. Herald, agriculture; J. B. Gibson, fraternities.

The officers of the club are: C. M. Nolan, president; C. W. Herald, first vice-president; I. B. Hyde, second vice-president; J. P. Randolph, secretary and treasurer.

## Y. M. C. A. Luncheon Postponed.

The Y. M. C. A. luncheon which was to have been held this noon at the Virginia Grill has been postponed to 6:00 o'clock Thursday evening.

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